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AOC Completes Initial Rollout of Protective Order Registry *21 Counties Better Protected With New System for Criminal and Domestic Violence Cases*

SAN FRANCISCO—Ventura County became the 21st county to join the California Courts Protective Order Registry (CCPOR), a new system providing major improvements to victim and peace officer safety in domestic violence cases and those involving violent crimes.

“The California Courts Protective Order Registry is one of the most dramatic advances in the handling of domestic violence in many years,” said Judge Colleen Toy White of the Superior Court of Ventura County.

CCPOR provides judges and law enforcement officers with more complete and accessible information on restraining and protective orders. Prior statewide systems can only store data about orders that were issued and judges typically cannot access those systems. The information gap creates a dangerous and confusing situation for victims and law enforcement officers in the field when conflicting protective orders are issued. CCPOR allows its users to view exact electronic images of restraining and protective orders issued from all of its participating counties, including the conditions and notes contained on those orders. This information presents judges with more complete histories for the parties involved and details of protective orders that have been issued.

“For a judge who presides over domestic violence cases, it is critical to have the ability to get immediate online access to court protective orders,” Judge White said. “This registry will enhance victim safety and help ensure that judges don’t make duplicate or conflicting court orders. Our court is enthusiastic about being in the forefront of the effort to use this innovative program.”

Ventura is the 21st county to join the CCPOR program, completing the initial program rollout funded largely by a \$1 million grant from the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) and exceeding the grant’s 20-county deployment target. The other participating counties to date are Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Humboldt, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Marin, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne.

CCPOR is developed and maintained by the AOC Information Services Division. To reduce costs and speed development of the system, CCPOR leverages the architecture and key components of the new California Case Management System (CCMS), now in its final stages of testing. The initial rollout of CCPOR was completed in less than one year.

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The AOC begins rollout of the program to a second group of 12 to 15 counties, which will include San Francisco and San Joaquin, in early 2011. The AOC also plans to broaden access to CCPOR and streamline data entry over the next year.

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